

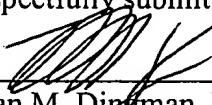


Remarks

In response to the examiner's requirement in the outstanding office action, the applicant withdraws the previous election of species 7, Fig. 10, and instead elects species 1, Fig. 4. The applicant believes claims 1-6, 11-17, 19, 21-26, 32, 36-38 and 40-47 read on this species. This substitute election is proper, as the examiner has not yet searched for any species.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

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